

**Amendments to the Specification**

Please add the following paragraph on page 5 at line 6:

It should be recognized that in one embodiment, the apparatus is used in a traction mechanism drive connecting a reciprocating piston internal combustion engine and an additional unit. For example, the driving element is a drive disc and the driven element is an input shaft of the additional unit, or the driving element is a crankshaft and the driven element is a driven element of the reciprocating piston internal combustion engine.